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Section (3HW12)
United States Environmental
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Re: RCRA/CERCLA Information Request Concerning the Eastern Diversified Metals Site, Hometown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barba:

This letter responds to the information request EPA has served on Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison" or "Company") in connection with EPA Region III's investigation of the Eastern Diversified Metals Site ("Site") located in Hometown, Pennsylvania.

EPA's information request calls for any documents or other information in Con Edison's possession relating to the shipment of hazardous substances and wastes to the Site during the period 1966-1977, and the storage and disposal of such substances and wastes at the site during that period. The information request also calls for documents and information relating to any business dealings Con Edison with Eastern Diversified Metals Corporation, Theodore Sall, Incorporated, on Diversified Industries, Incorporated.

Con Edison has been unable to locate any documents or information relating to the Site or to shipments of hazardous substances or wastes to the Site. Similarly, Con Edison has found no documents or information indicating that the Company had any business dealings with Eastern Diversified Metals or Theodore Sall, Incorporated.

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Con Edison has found one document relating to Diversified Industries, Incorporated. The document is the attached transcript of a deposition taken of Thomas A. Healy, a Con Edison employee, in a civil antitrust suit brought by Diversified Industries against American Telephone & Telegraph Company and others in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. During his deposition, Mr. Healy testified that Diversified Metals attended a pre-bid meeting Con Edison held in July 1981 in connection with the sale of scrap electric cable and that Diversified Industries declined to bid on the cable. Mr. Healy also testified that this incident was Diversified Industries' first contact with Con Edison (Transcript pages 4-5). I have discussed this matter with Mr. Healy and have been advised by him that Diversified Metals had no further dealings with Con Edison.

To comply with the requirements of the information request, Con Edison searched all existing records and files maintained by its Law, Real Estate, Purchasing, Environmental Affairs, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Property Disposal Departments. The records maintained by the Real Estate Department and Accounts Payable cover the period 1966-1986. The Law Department's records cover the period 1971-1986. The records maintained by Purchasing, Accounts Receivable and Property Disposal cover the period 1979-1986. The Environmental Affairs Department's records cover the period 1978-1986.

If you have any questions concerning Con Edison's response, please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 460-3241.

Very truly yours,

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